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Commissioner Jane E. Henney Parklawn Building, Room 14-71 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am fully in support of the Center for Science in the Public Interest's petition to the Food and Drug Administration to ban the use of medically useful antibiotics in animal feed. Adding antibiotics to animal feed to promote animal growth is a dangerous practice that serves no purpose except to fatten producers' wallets and create antibiotic-resistant bacteria which can seriously harm human health. Doctors cannot treat life-threatening infections caused by resistant bacteria. *The public's health should come before the interests of business*.

Very truly yours,

Hollis C. Polacek

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